IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner: Nave In re application of: John Humphries Parkes Art Unit: 1754 Serial No.: 09/392,925 September 9, 1999 Filed: METHOD AND APPARATUS For: FOR ROCKET MOTOR DISPOSAL

Docket No. JHP-10-5377

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS Washington, D. C. 2031

Sir:

Responsive to the Examiner's letter of October 3, 2000, it is respectfully requested that the above-entitled application be amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 6 as follows:

A method for disposing of a rocket motor having a (once amended)

propellant comprising the steps of:

burning said propellant and concomitantly annularly spraying [generating] an

enclosure of liquid completely surrounding the location in [within] which the burning

occurs.